

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently amended) A cross clamping device comprising: a base plate, which has a first and a second leg and a clamping piece which connects the two legs with each other, a first clamp, which by means of a first screw is screwed onto the first leg, and a second clamp, the second clamp being separate and distinct from the first clamp, which second clamp by means of a second screw is screwed onto the second leg, wherein the base plate and the two clamps are so formed that between the first and the second clamp a first bar, and between the two clamps and the clamping piece of the base plate a second bar, which is rotated by 90° in relation to the first bar, are able to be clamped, wherein the first and the second screw each have a head, which is at least partially conical shaped, so that by tightening of the first and of the second screw the first and the second clamps are pressed by the slanting conical surface against the first bar and the two bars are clamped.

2. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the two clamps is additionally screwed onto the accompanying leg of the base plate by means of a further screw.

3. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 1, wherein the screws each have a shaft with a thread and have a head, the first leg of the base plate has at least a first hole with a thread, in which the first screw is screwed, and the second leg of the base plate has at least a second hole with a thread, in which the second screw is screwed.

4. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 3, wherein at least one of the two clamps has a through hole, whose diameter at least in the direction towards the first bar is greater than the diameter of the screw shaft.

5. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 4, wherein the through hole or at least one of the through holes has an enlargement on the side opposite from the base plate, in which the head of the accompanying screw is at least partially inserted.

6. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 5, wherein the enlargement at least on the side on the same side as the first bar is bordered by a slanting surface of the clamp, so that in the tightening of the screw the clamp is pressed against the first bar by the screw which is pressing on the slanting surface.

7. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 1, wherein the clamping piece of the base plate is thinner than the two legs or the clamps in the region of the clamping piece of the base plate are thinner than in the region of the legs, so that between the two clamps and the clamping piece of the base plate a space is present, in which the second bar is able to be clamped, while the clamps lie on the legs.

8. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 1, wherein the two clamps each have at one of their ends a projection which extends to the other clamp and that the two projections touch each other.

9. (Previously presented) The cross clamping device according to claim 1, wherein the two clamps lie flat on the first bar and on the second bar.